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SUBJECT: CONVERSION OF 57 TH FIS TO F-4' S

REF: (A) REYKJAVIK 0270 (B) STATE 47093

1. ADMIRAL BELING AND I HAD SUCCESSFUL MEETING WITH FONMIN AGUSTSSON THIS MORNING ON ABOVE SUBJECT. HE WAS HANDED WRITTEN NOTIFICATION WORDED AS PER REFTEL (B) WITH SLIGHT SEMANTIC CHANGES NOTED BELOW. ADMIRAL COMPARED FEATURES OF THE TWO FIGHTERS AND EXPLAINED GREATER DEFENSE CAPABILITY OF F-4' S FOR ICELAND. NO MENTION MADE OF MANPOWER REQUIREMDNTS OR AIRCRAFT NUMBERS OR TIMING. FONMIN CASUALLY NOTED TO US THAT HE SEES NEW PLANE REQUIRES CREW OF TWO, BUT RAISED NO OJBECTION TO THIS. HE SEEMED QUITE SATISFIED WITH EXPLANATION AND SAID IF ASKED HE WOULD MERELY SAY MILITARY EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION GOES ON CONSTANTLY AND HAS GONE ON AT IDF, ONLY DIFFERENCE BEING AIRCRAFT IS VISIBLE WHEREAS OTHER MODERNIZATION SUCH AS GUNS, VEHICLES, ETC., AT IDF HAVE NOT BEEN SO NOTICEABLE. HE ALSO REMARKED GOI HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH USG TO PROVIDE DEFENSE TO ICELAND AND NATO AND THEREFORE GOI MUST TRUST USG TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT KIND OF EQUIPMENT FOR THAT MISSION.

2. IT WAS AGREED NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE HERE BUT IF ASKED THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION WILL SERVE AS GUIDANCE.

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3. ADMIRAL AND I SUGGEST DOD DO SAME WITH REGARD PRESS QUERIES.
THAT IS, ONLY ON AN " IF ASKED BASIS", AND SUGGEST USE SAME
WRITTEN NOTIFICATION AS GUIDANCE.

4. FIRST F-4 MAY PROCEED TO ICELAND ANYTIME.

5. THIS TELERAM WAS COORDINATED WITH ADMIRAL BELING WHO
APPROVES ITS SUBSTANCE.

6. LANGUAGE CHANGES IN WRITTEN NOTIFICATION WERE AS FOLLOWS:

SECOND SENTENCE CHANGE " HAS" TO " HAVE" AND " IS" TO " ARE".

IN LAST SENTENCE CHANGE " THIS MONTH" TO " WITHIN A MONTH". IRVING

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